

# THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE

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## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

*The St. John the Apostle parish community, inspired by the Holy Spirit, strives to witness to the presence of Christ*  
(Parish established October 8, 1966)

### Sunday Eucharist

Saturday: 5:00 pm  
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am,  
Children's Liturgy generally at 10:30 am Mass (Sept. to June)

### Weekday Liturgy

Eucharist: Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri at 9:00 am  
and 1st Saturday of month: 9:00 am

**CONFESSIONS:** 8:30 am Tuesday - Friday  
Saturdays 4:00 - 4:30 pm; and on request

### DEVOTIONS:

*Eucharistic Benediction:* 7:30-8:30 am Tuesday - Friday  
*Rosary:* Prayed before weekday Mass 8:30 am  
*Divine Mercy Chaplet:* Following Tuesday morning Mass

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Baptismal preparation is required.  
Please call the Parish Office on 613-829-1760.

### SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:

Preparation is required.  
Please call the Parish Office 613-829-1760  
at least nine months in advance.

**PASTORAL CARE:** If you or a family member is sick at home or in hospital, please contact our Pastoral Care Team to have someone visit you and bring Communion. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements for the Sacrament of the Sick.

**FINANCE COUNCIL:** Deborah Kealey (Chair) Gino Brancatelli (Sec.)  
Ray Kostuch Marjorie Moore  
Paul Gillis

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Riopelle  
Deacons: Deacon Greg Vaughn  
Deacon Fred ("RICK") Jardine  
Office Administrator: Christine Altherr  
Bookkeeping: Pearl Beausoleil  
Maintenance: Steve Short

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**  
Monday -Thursday, 9:00 - 12:00; 1:00 - 3:30

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## ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE PARISH PARISH MINISTRIES AND GROUPS

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CHILDREN'S RELIGION PROGRAM	(for children attending a public or private school) Joan Proctor	613-726-9560
CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION	Parish Office <a href="mailto:stjohnap@magma.ca">stjohnap@magma.ca</a>	613-829-1760
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CURSILLO REPRESENTATIVE	Patricia O'Regan <a href="mailto:patriciaoregan@yahoo.ca">patriciaoregan@yahoo.ca</a> (Monthly Ultreya - first Saturday after 9:00 am mass)	613-820-4061
FUNERAL LITURGY TEAM	Parish Office <a href="mailto:stjohnap@magma.ca">stjohnap@magma.ca</a>	613-829-1760
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LITURGY COMMITTEE	Divina Hogan <a href="mailto:SJALitCom@yahoo.ca">SJALitCom@yahoo.ca</a>	613-820-7852
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RECEPTION (VOLUNTEERS)	Joan & Helene <a href="mailto:reception.sjap@gmail.com">reception.sjap@gmail.com</a>	613-829-1760
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## WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

The people of St. John the Apostle Parish Community extend a warm welcome to our parish family! Kindly introduce yourself to the priest and register your family with our community. Please call the parish office if you have any questions. (Please complete the information below and place in the collection basket)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ TEL: \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

PARISH INTEREST: \_\_\_\_\_ WOULD YOU LIKE TO USE SUNDAY COLLECTION ENVELOPES? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**PROMISE FULFILLED**

Today's readings address the faithful one, the one who waits on God but may not feel God's presence. Every person who seeks God has at one time or another experienced the absence of God. Jesus himself cried out during his dark night of the soul. The Epistle of James speaks to this. The author says that we must be as patient as the silent, fallow earth that awaits the slow, soaking rains of winter and the hard, necessary rains of spring. As the farmer is sure of the precious yield of the land, we can be sure of the precious yield of our patient waiting. God is never far away.

The messengers from John the Baptizer asked Jesus if he was the one whose coming John had announced. The messengers wanted to hear the answer that the imprisoned John already knew. Everything that John said was finally happening: because of Jesus, light shines in eyes; words of promise are received; people leap and dance. The promise of Isaiah is fulfilled in Jesus. Wobbly knees and feeble hands are strong, the desert blooms, the savanna and steppe flower, the darkness is chased away.

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Isaiah 35:1-6a; Psalm 146; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11



**PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- Tuesdays: Legion of Mary - after 9:00 am Mass in the Small Assembly Room
- Wednesdays: Liturgy of the Word or Mass at Redwoods - 2:00 pm  
RCIA - 9:15 am in the Pastoral Office  
Euchre - 1:00 pm in the Small Assembly Room
- Fridays: Liturgy of the Word or Mass at West End Villa - 2:00 pm
- Saturdays: Communion & Liberation Group - Board Rm 5:00 pm
- Sundays: Children's Liturgy - at 10:30 am Mass  
Mass at Valley Stream Manor - 11:00 am  
Vespers - 4:30 pm in the Church

Sat, Dec 14	Children's Christmas Party	11:00 am	Hall
Sun, Dec 15	CWL Bake Sale in Glass House after all Masses	Sale of religious items by <b>Christians of the Holy Land</b> in Hall after all Masses	
Mon, Dec 16	Children's Religion	6:30 pm	Small Assembly Rm
	Choir Practice (Cheryl's Group)	6:30 pm	Church
Tues, Dec 17	CWL General	7:00 pm	Small Assembly Rm
	K of C Committee	7:00 pm	Board Room
Wed, Dec 18	Choir Practice (Divina's Group)	7:15 pm	Church
	Staff Christmas Party <i>Office closes at 12:00</i>		
Thurs, Dec. 19	<i>Office closes for the holidays at 3:30pm; Office re-opens at 9:00am on Monday, January 6.</i>		

**Vespers** chanted prayer to take place in the church Sundays during Advent at 4:30. All are welcome. Info: John Ware at 613-680-7333.

**CHANGE OF DATE:** The 2014 Parish Memorial Mass will be held on November 2, 2014.

We welcome donations to offset the cost of flowers to decorate the church. Envelopes are available at both entrances.



Mass Times for Christmas and New Year's Day	
Nativity of the Lord	6:00 pm
Tuesday, December 24 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 pm
	10:00 pm
Wednesday, December 25 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am
	11:00 am at Valley Stream Manor
Mary, Mother of God	5:00 pm
Tuesday, December 31 <sup>st</sup>	
Wednesday, January 1 <sup>st</sup>	10:00 am
	11:00 am at Valley Stream Manor

**No Midnight Mass  
this Year on Christmas Eve.**

**Bulletin Deadlines for Articles and Mass Intentions**

Deadline	Bulletin
Wednesday, December 12 at 10:00 am	Sunday, December 22
Monday, December 16 at 10:00 am	Sunday, December 29
Monday, December 16 at 10:00 am	Sunday, January 5



**SHARING OUR CHRISTMAS**

is the name of St. John's Christmas Assistance Program.

It is a fund which allows our Social Outreach Committee to respond, on your behalf, to the many families who need and request help at Christmas.

Throughout Advent, Sharing our Christmas envelopes will be available at both entrances to the church.

We, at St. John the Apostle, have a history of giving generously at Christmas time. The needs are ongoing; so should be our concern and love for our neighbours. In this spirit of generosity, any surplus in the fund will be carried beyond the Christmas season and continue to help the needy in the new Year.

**RISE UP 2013 IN OTTAWA:** A CCO conference for young adults (age 18-35) to motivate and inspire leaders. At Delta Ottawa City Centre, **Dec. 28 – Jan. 1.** Info: ([www.cco.ca/riseup](http://www.cco.ca/riseup)) or Katie Lebrun (613-736-1999).

**CHRISTMAS CHORAL CELEBRATION:** Presented by the Choirs of Notre Dame Cathedral. **Sun., December 15, 3:00 p.m.** Notre Dame Cathedral, Sussex Dr. Freewill offering. Free parking. Info: (613-241-7496).

**VIGIL OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:** For priests, for an end to abortion, for world peace. St. Patrick Basilica (downstairs). **Fri., Dec. 20, 8:30 p.m. – Sat., Nov. 16, 6:30 a.m.** Rosaries, Chaplet of Divine Mercy (3:00 a.m.), Litany of Reparation to the Blessed Sacrament (3:15 a.m.), Mass 7:00 & 8:00 a.m. Info: Naomi (613-825-9704).

**Would you like to receive the Friday Fax via email?** Simply email the office ([stjohnap@magma.ca](mailto:stjohnap@magma.ca)) with "Friday Fax" in the subject line.

The Friday Fax is a weekly newsletter from the Diocesan Centre with news about various activities and formation classes held throughout the parishes in the diocese. It is called the Friday Fax because originally it was faxed to all the parishes on Friday afternoon. We now receive it via email and can forward it on to our parishioners.

**Please do not leave valuables in your car when on the church property!**

**Mass Intentions**

**Sat, Dec 14 – 5:00 pm**

The intentions of all our Parishioners

**Sun, Dec 15 – 8:00 am**

- ✚ Bert Randall by Betty Randall
- ✚ Gregory Kiez by Ned and Leona Kiez
- ✚ Norma Girard by David and Linda Green

**Sun, Dec 15 – 10:30 am**

- ✚ Ellis McVeigh by Elaine McVeigh
- ✚ Sr. Nancy Wilson by the Ardleys
- ✚ Fred Spooner by Betty Patterson and family

**Wed, Dec 18 – 9:00 am**

- ✚ Maria Teresa Arquilla by Jodi & Marie Epps and family

**Fri, Dec 20 – 9:00 am**

- ✚ Larry Roche by his wife, Leslie

**Sat, Dec 21 – 5:00 pm**

- ✚ Gerald & Frances Kluge by Betty Morris
- ✚ Monica & Andrew Ryan by Joan & Ron Houlahan
- ✚ Deceased members of the Hellard family by Debbie, Joan, Sandy, Rick and children

**Sun, Dec 22 – 8:00 am**

The intentions of all our Parishioners

**Sun, Dec 22 – 10:30 am**

- ✚ Noreen Quinlan by Elaine McVeigh
- ✚ Sr. Nancy Wilson by Diane Law
- ✚ Deceased family members by Piotr & Maria Smetny-Spwa

✚ indicates deceased

**Please remember the sick and their families who journey with them:** Doris Whitney, Lloyd Weatherdon, Leslie Roche, Ivan Goodin and all those who are suffering from long-term chronic disease or mental illness. **Prayers and sympathy for those who have died, remembering especially: Anne Grier.**

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

We make transitions along life's journey, and search for meaning. Watch an infant take those first wobbly steps. Inevitably they are toward the arms of a dear one, and the gleeful smile and wordless laughter let us know that the baby understands that the whole world is renewed in an instant. Parents may see that wide-eyed smile again some years later as they flip car keys in the teenager's direction, and by God's grace at in-between moments of forgiveness and affirmation.

Sacraments open a window to the blessings of everyday life and help us claim their deep meaning. A voice from a fiery bush warned Moses to take off his shoes because he stood on "holy ground." Your first steps, your first word, taking your place at the family table, stirring to new love, forgiving and being forgiven: all of this is holy, laden with meaning, full of possibilities. Sacraments are not escape pods from the realities of the everyday; rather they invest us ever more deeply in life and recruit us for the kingdom inaugurated by Jesus. We take baby steps all our life long. In the world of sacrament, they are always directed toward the arms of a loving God, and always on the common holy ground of a community's life. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



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